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General Picnic Rules & Regulations

CONTACT THE PARK RANGERS AT (732) 745-3800 with any issues the day of your picnic.

Weekend and Holiday Picnics – Reservations are held NO LATER than 10:30AM REGARDLESS of when the customer plans to start their picnic.

Weekday Picnics – Reservations held NO LATER than 30 minutes after scheduled time.

All required paperwork must be submitted by the Monday prior to your event.

- 1- Conduct of the group and cleanliness of the area are the responsibility of the person signing the permit. Please remember to recycle. Customers are encouraged to throw out bagged garbage into the dumpsters.
- 2- No person shall possess or consume alcoholic beverages in any County Park except by PERMIT ONLY. Permits for alcoholic beverages are restricted to wine and beer. Bottles and Cans ONLY. Wine and beer is permitted in picnic groves only when food is being consumed. ALCOHOL IS PROHIBITED IN ALL PLAYING FIELD AREAS.
- 3- Charcoal use ONLY in picnic grills. Customers using Charcoal Grills larger than residential size models will need to complete the Fire Marshal Application. Customers using sternos only (and no other warming devices or open flame) will not be required to complete the Fire Marshal application but will be required to have a fire extinguisher on premise. Propane use by CATERERS ONLY. Customer must supply a copy of the caterer's insurance. Customer must also complete County Fire Marshal Application. (ask for specific details)
- 4- Inflatables (aka Bounce Houses) are permitted in the reserved picnic areas. Inflatables containing water ARE NOT permitted. Inflatable rides/amusements must have a current year ride inspection tag from the N.J. Department of Community Affairs. If this tag is not present on the ride it will not be permitted to be used in a county park- no exceptions. Customer must supply a copy of the rental company's insurance. Customer must also complete County Fire Marshal Application. (ask for specific details)
- 5- NO REFUNDS OF PICNIC FEES. Please refer to COVID Supplemental Rules and Regulations.
- 6- Picnics can be cancelled/changed by 12noon on the Friday prior to the date of your weekend or Monday picnic and 24 hours prior to your Tuesday - Friday picnic and can be rescheduled with a new date based on availability. Rescheduling any picnic will only be possible for the current season. Reservations can only be changed one time.
- 7- No parking on grass or along roadways, please use parking lots ONLY. No driving or parking inside grove areas. No driving of vehicles on any safety zone, bikeway, walkway or roadway designated for limited use.
- 8- Parks open at sunrise and close at sunset. Picnics must end 45 mins before **SUNSET** so that group is done cleaning and out of park by **SUNSET**.
- 9- No animals are to run at large. All dogs, etc. must be restrained by leash.
- 10- Feeding of waterfowl is prohibited.
- 11- Sparkling Devices and Novelties are permitted in designated areas only.
- 12- No posting of signs or other literature on poles or trees.
- 13- No operation of pony or motorized rides.
- 14- No vending or soliciting in parks.
- 15- All rules and regulations will be enforced by the park rangers or municipal police.
- 16- Picnics over 300 people require additional Park Rangers Security paid for by Applicant.
- 17- Complete copy of Rules and Regulations can be found at:

<http://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/About/ParksRecreation/Pages/PR/Rules-and-Regulations.aspx>

